

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-7, 14-21, 23, 25-28 and 30-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wettstein, *et al.* (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0093681). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that Wettstein fails to disclose "carrying out a reverse generation to obtain the master user's identifier from the given user's service indicator" and "verifying the validity of the given user's service indicator by making use of the master user's identifier as a search key towards the user directory system", as recited in independent claims 1 and 14.

The Examiner points to paragraph [0061], lines 7-12 of Wettstein as teaching "carrying out a reverse generation to obtain the master user's identifier from the given user's service indicator". However, the Examiner reads the 'service authorization identity' of Wettstein on the "master user's identifier" of the present claims. The Examiner previously read 'user identity 380' of Wettstein as the "master user's identifier" of the present claims. The Examiner cannot have it both ways. The Examiner must read one of the 'service authorization identity' or 'user identity' on the "master user's identifier". It is improper for the Examiner to read both of these terms on the master user's identifier. In either case, Wettstein fails to teach the claimed limitation.

The Examiner points to paragraph [0027] of Wettstein as teaching "verifying the validity of the given user's service indicator by making use of the master user's identifier as a search key towards the user directory system". The passage cited by the Examiner generally discloses a directory or identify repository. However, this passage does not disclose any verification step or means in the manner claimed by Applicant.

For at least the above reasons, independent claims 1 and 14 are patentable over the Wettstein reference. Claims 2-7, 15-21, 23, 25-28, and 30-32 are patentable at least by virtue of depending from their respective base claim.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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